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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

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